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For:

CARD STACK READER, CARD THEREOF,

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CARD CASE, METHOD FOR

MANUFACTURING CARD, GAME MACHINE USING THE SAME, COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE

MEDIUM ON WHICH GAME PROGRAM IS

RECORDED

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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